

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday:  
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# VANCOUVER BANK ROBBER QUICKLY CAUGHT

## Heavy Quake In North Pacific Region

### Record of Earth Shocks Continues For Six Hours

Superintendent Denison of Gonzales Heights Observatory Says Quake Most Strongly Recorded He Has Ever Known Here; Believes Centre Was Off East Coast of Kamchatka Peninsula or Western End of Aleutian Islands.

### START WORK ON NEW POWER PLANT HERE

Foundations Being Prepared to Carry \$600,000 C.P.R. Building on Douglas St.

Actual construction work on the \$600,000 power house for the Canadian Pacific Railway has been commenced at the southeastern corner of Douglas and Humboldt Streets by the general contractors, Carter-Halls-Aldinger and Co. Limited.

A giant steam-shovel was put to work yesterday at the site, which is being leveled off preparatory to the driving of piles to a depth of thirty-five feet to bedrock.

The property has been bounded in and a runway has been erected along Humboldt to facilitate the movement of pedestrians. Wooden shelters are being built as protection for hoisting machinery and construction materials.

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### England-South Africa Flight Is Attempted

### 200 LANDED AFTER SHIP WAS WRECKED

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 17.—Two hundred passengers and crew were landed safely when the steamer *Mangata*, 4,500 tons, ran aground yesterday at Long Point, between Bluff and Dunedin. The cargo, including a collection of British pictures valued at £25,000, apparently was lost.

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NAVAL BASES CLOSED

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, this evening informed the House of Commons Great Britain had closed seven small naval bases and one dock-yard.

The aeroplane is expected to reach

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### JUDGE IS TO DECIDE SCHOOL SUSPENSION

### Volunteers Work Mine Where Riot Was Seen

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 17 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—The Rothbury Mine, scene of yesterday's rioting when a section of the 4,000 striking miners attempted to occupy the mine, was reopened to-day by the New South Wales Government with the aid of volunteer workers. Unlike yesterday, when one miner was killed and scores of others were wounded by the miners, the presumption of work at the mine to-day was carried out without any outward incident.

The trustees decided to defend the principal after hearing the circumstances from Mr. MacCorkindale and other officials connected with the case. They stated the question was of vital interest to the schools, where the discipline of 40,000 pupils, they declared, was at stake. They will contest the injunction proceedings. George MacCormac, K.C., corporation counsel, will appear for them.

A resolution was presented that the board endorse the action of the principal, but it was withdrawn after it was pointed out that the matter, having now reached the courts, the motion might be considered in the nature of an attempt to court.

The action was scheduled to come to-day before Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald.

### FRENCH PILOTS CLAIM CIRCUIT FLIGHT RECORD

Marseilles, France, Dec. 17.—Captain Dienodone Coste and his companion, Paul Codet, landed at the Istria aviation field to-day after setting a new world record for a closed circuit flight of 8,100 kilometers, or approximately 5,000 miles.

IN AIR 32½ HOURS

The airmen were in the air fifty-two hours and thirty-four minutes, and during that period covered a wide circuit that carried them over Avignon, Nimes, and to the Isle Flying Field.

The figures given out after to-day's flight were unofficial and it was stated the exact distance would be announced later.



DIEUDONNE COSTE

### Alfred Heather Has Notable Career in Music Presentation

Celebrated English Tenor Has Managed Six Tours of "The Beggar's Opera" on This Continent and Has Been Associated With Noted Geniuses; Will Appear in Production of Musical Plays at Yuletide Festival

### PUT OIL STOCK SALE PROCEEDS IN OWN POCKET

N. D. Lawrence Given Six Months Sentence For Theft of \$150

Norman Davey Lawrence, salesman of oil stocks for a Vancouver brokerage office, was sentenced to serve six months' imprisonment for theft this morning by Magistrate Jay in the City Police Court. A plea of guilty was entered by accused through his counsel, W. A. Brethour, when he was charged with theft of \$150 from Edward George Mason.

Documents were read in court which showed that on October 18 the accused had sold stock in an oil promotion to Mr. Mason, had been paid \$150, but had not forwarded the order to his principals. Delay in delivery of the stock caused Mr. Mason to write to the company.

Mr. Brethour pleaded for leniency, maintaining that the accused had acted by deceiving his report. He offered restitution if suspended sentence were allowed.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

Magistrate Jay remarked upon the serious character of the charge, pointed out that the accused had taken money, put in his pocket, gone up Vancouver Island and spent it.

In other words, stole it. Now, after arrest, he says he will make restitution. This is no case for suspended sentence, not only as a punishment to this man, but as a deterrent to others. Sentence to six months," said Magistrate Jay.

From the dock Lawrence appealed for permission to make a statement omitted by counsel. "I had made a sale of \$3,000, half cash and an interest bearing settlement of the remainder. I was entitled to \$600 commission. I talked with one of the office staff and agreed to give the \$150 against that credit," he pleaded.

C. L. Harrison, city prosecutor, countered that the accused had never filed a sale report of the Mason business with his principals.

### Christian Scientists Interview Cabinet To Secure Legislation

Legislation which would better protect them in the practice of their religion in this Province was sought by a delegation of thirty Christian Scientists from all parts of British Columbia, which waited on the Cabinet this morning. The delegation was headed by P. H. Lothrop. No details of their request were made public.

### BRIG.-GEN. HAYTER DIES IN LONDON

London, Dec. 17 (Canadian Press Cable)—Brigadier-General Hayter, 87, died yesterday and chief of staff of the Canadian Corps at the age of the Great War, died here to-day of appendicitis.

### CITY NOT TO INTERVENE IN CONTROVERSY

Opposition Service of Haultain Street Proposed By B.C.E.R., City Learns

Alderman James Adam Describes Tactics as Unfair to Pioneers of Route

Outspoken comment by one alderman and legal advice that the city had no power to intervene in the issue, featured discussion by the City Council on the proposed Haultain bus service by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company yesterday afternoon.

The question came before the council in a letter from P. H. Phillips, Deputy Minister of Public Works, asking for advice on the proposed applications before the department from the B.C.E.R. Company Limited. Both applications were for bus service over the same route on Haultain Street, involving city loops.

Concurrently with the letter from the Deputy Minister, the council received a written opinion from H. S. Pringle, city solicitor, asked for by Mayor Ancombe.

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### Search Made For Bodies of Men and Boat

J. W. Campbell and Three Others Reported Drowned Near Port Alice

Port Alice, B.C., Dec. 17.—A hoarse cry for help came out on the bay opposite the Tomlinson & Pye logging camp, two miles from here, during a heavy snow squall was the last heard of four men who left here Thursday night in a small outboard motor boat.

Hollings, the shout probably indicated a tragedy, men from the camp went out aboard a gasboat. They searched with the aid of a powerful searchlight, but found no trace of men or boat.

The missing men are J. Walter Campbell, thirty-five, of Vancouver, and a son, John, 20, both of whom worked at the logging camp, and A. Sapara and a man who arrived here recently, name unknown.

HOPED TO VISIT VANCOUVER

The men embarked in the small boat at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All were in good spirits, contemplating a visit to Vancouver for the Christmas holidays. Campbell, Smith and Sapara knew the bay well and had sailed over it many times.

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### Eleven Per Cent Of Insured Workers In Britain Unemployed

London, Dec. 17 (Canadian Press)—Unemployment in Great Britain still grows. Figures issued by the Labor Department to-day show that of 12,000,000 insured workers in the country, eleven per cent were unemployed at November 25, as compared with November 25, 1928, when the percentage of unemployed was 12.1.

The percentages include the temporarily laid off as well as those wholly employed.

TORONTO MAN IS HELD TO FACE MURDER TRIAL

Police Say E. Stewart Confessed He Killed J. Freeland, Butcher

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Edward Stewart, thirty-three, who was arrested by police early this morning and charged with the murder yesterday of John Freeland, fifty-one-year-old east end butcher, appeared in police court here to-day. He was remanded without trial until December 27.

SEARCH WAS BRIEF

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Just six hours after John Freeland, local butcher, was found brutally murdered in the cellar of his east end shop last evening, detectives arrested Edward Stewart, a former employee, and obtained a confession of the crime, according to a statement issued from the local headquarters to-day.

When first arrested, Stewart denied any part in the implication in the murder, but later, according to the police, broke down and stated he had intended to rob his former employer, but had struck him too hard and caused his death.

John Freeland was found by neighbors, who broke into the shop after they had no signs of life during Monday. Going to the cellar to repair the heating system, they found the man lying in a pool of blood. A butcher's cleaver and an iron bar were found lying near the body.

About \$100 was taken from the body.

WHEN YOU GET TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SHOPPING LIST YOU'RE SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

### Teller Sounds Alarm and Vancouver Crowd Pursues Thug and He Is Caught

### BROADER TAXATION NECESSARY

Municipalities and Trustees Send Delegation to Cabinet

Complain Education Costs Growing With No Increased Provincial Grant

A broadening of taxation, especially school taxation, so that those now enjoying municipal services without directly paying anything towards the costs will be forced to contribute to the education of the province.

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DOZEN MEN LOSE LIVES IN COAL PIT

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 17.—About a dozen men were known to have been killed in an explosion that trapped sixty-two employees in the Old Town Coal Company mines at North McAlester to-day.

The explosion occurred shortly before 11 a.m.

The bureau of mines rescue station

has recruited first aid crews from

mines throughout this region and

rushed them to the scene of the disaster.

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### Three Fliers Who Left Spain Arrive in Brazil, Two Being Badly Hurt

Rain and Thawing Snow Ease Power Shortage at Vancouver

Hydro Lakes Show Rise of Levels To-day

Statutory provisions enforcing closure of stores and observance of the Wednesday afternoon half holiday will not be effective after to-day, until Christmas Day, Chief of Police John Fry this morning announced.

An amendment to the Weekly Half Holiday Act permits stores to keep open without restriction during the week before Christmas.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 2 o'clock this morning, Coquihalla Lake rose 35 of a foot, Alouette Lake 15 and Stave Lake 15 of a foot. Rainfall at Coquihalla was 1.02 inches; at Alouette .2 of an inch and Stave Falls 1.21 inches.

Fair and mild weather was forecast to-day by E. B. Shearman, Dominion meteorologist. The barometer is higher and clear weather, with higher temperatures, prevails over the whole coast.

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### BIG NEW C.P.R. SHIP LAUNCHED

Glasgow, Dec. 17.—Slipping down the greased ways ensconced by fog that lifted just as a mighty splash heralded the birth of a new sea giant, the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Japan*, was launched yesterday afternoon by Mrs. E. R. Peacock, wife of the Canadian financier. The launching was from the works of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company. The ship is intended for the Vancouver-Victoria-Orient service of the company.

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### FALK'S INFLUENZA CLAIM DISCREDITED

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The American medical Association, through its Journal, will in its next issue denounce as "unwarranted" the announcement of Dr. I. S. Falk that he had isolated the influenza germ.

Dr. Falk, professor of hygiene and bacteriology at the University of Chicago, announced last Friday through the publicity department of the university that he had isolated the germ causing influenza and had been led to hope through further experiments that a preventive vaccine might be prepared.

NO EVIDENCE

"With little if any apparent warrant," the Medical Journal will say, "it is again announced, for at least the tenth time in five years, that the causative organism of influenza has been discovered and that it is hoped to prepare a vaccine. There is thus far little or no evidence in scientific literature, or even in spoken addresses, to indicate that I. S. Falk, Dr. Falk, and his assistants have progressed any farther toward the solution of this problem than have workers in other parts of the world now or in the past."

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Faced by two armed bandits in her store at 1101 East Thirteenth Street, shortly after 7:30 last evening, Mrs. Isabel E. Davis made a brave but unsuccessful struggle to prevent the bandits from robbing her.

The bandits obtained \$35, a cheque for \$1, and thirty packets of cigarettes.

The men entered the store when Mrs. Davis was alone. One covered her with a revolver while he looted the cash register of a small amount of silver. The other went to a table and took a purse which contained a large sum of money.

Mrs. Davis attacked the man in an endeavor to save the money, but received a heavy blow on the jaw which dazed her. The man then fled.



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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

## ESQUIMALT TO BACK CITY IN C.N.R. MOVE

Council Endorses Victoria's Action in Seeking Home Port For Steamers Here

B.C. Electric Railway Co. Asks More Time For Survey of Bus Situation

Hearly endorsement of the city of Victoria's move to request the Canadian National Railways to establish their home port for the B.C. coast steamers in Victoria, was given by the Esquimalt Council at its meeting in the Municipal Hall last night.

Councillor Hadfield noted that the action of Victoria, as the steamers' headquarters would be of great value to Esquimalt, since the proximity of the home port to the Government dry docks would tend to bring repair business to the municipality.

A motion that the council get behind the move was made by Councillor A. Lockley and seconded by Councillor Hadfield.

## WANT MORE DATA

During the meeting a request was made by the Esquimalt council to offer this by-law to decide whether or not the Gorge Vale Golf Club will have a fixed assessment of \$60,000 for a period of fifteen years.

The by-law will be submitted at the next meeting and will be up for its first reading.

In requesting the council to offer this by-law to the people, W. G. Morris of the Gorge Vale Golf Club explained to the council that \$60,000 was the amount the club paid the Hudson's Bay for the property on which it was building the course. Since its purchase \$30,000 had been spent for improvements and \$40,000 more would be expended ultimately before the course was brought into perfect shape.

The communication was received and filed.

## ELECTION PREPARATIONS

Preparations were then made for the election which will be held in the municipality next month. J. R. Cawiller was appointed returning officer and D. A. Henry was named as his assistant. The Municipal Hall was selected as the place for holding nominations as well as the polling station for Section 1 of the municipality.

The store on the corner of Arm Street and Craigflower Road was selected for the Section 2 polling station.

Following considerable discussion as to the advisability of using radio station CFCT to broadcast the election speeches was entered upon by the

councillors. It was generally felt that sending the addresses over the air would be beneficial to the municipality from a publicity point of view, but no concrete steps were taken in the matter.

Requests for local improvements were referred to the incoming council.

## READY FOR FIRE CALLS

A report submitted by the fire and lights committee stated that arrangements had been made to have one of the municipality's firemen constantly prepared to answer calls both during the day and night.

The secretary of the meeting Councillor Smith, chairman of the public works committee, reported that a net sum of \$704.15 had been spent in the upkeep of the Memorial Park.

Canada's Work Situation Is Strongest on Record, Says Heenan

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Federal Government does not consider any necessity exists for calling a conference with respect to unemployment, according to Mr. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor, who made a statement to this effect following a conference he had yesterday with the executive of the Unemployment Service Council of Canada.

Among the considerations which impelled the Government not to convene such a conference were the fact that employment in Canada at the moment stood at the highest peak reached during the past year since 1920, and that the great transportation companies and the Government had embarked on or were embarking on programmes of work aggregating many millions of dollars.

Moreover, the Minister did not think a conference of the character that was recently held in the United States by President Hoover would accomplish very good in Canada, particularly in the present situation where the suggestion was made that workers of the United States should agree among themselves not to seek higher wages.

"Personally, I do not think present conditions warrant asking workers of this country to agree not to seek higher wages and conditions they may consider they are entitled to, or to interfere in any way with their normal methods of procedure as to how they should handle their affairs," said Mr. Heenan.

**SITUATIONS DIFFER**

The Minister stated that in his opinion there was no necessity for calling a conference with respect to unemployment as there was in the United States. "In that country," Mr. Heenan said, "the crash in the stock market destroyed confidence and threatened to result in slackening activity in industry generally. Confidence had to be established or restored."

Speaking of employment figures in Canada and the United States, Mr. Heenan said:

"The basic figure of 100 in both countries is the average for the year 1926. The latest return from the United States shows the index number of employment for the month of September, 1929, as 103, while the comparable index number for Canada was 119.8—in other words 20.5 higher in Canada than in the United States.

Moreover, the index of employment in all industries in Canada as of November 1, 1929, stands at 124.6, which represents the highest peak of employment reached at this period of the

## UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IS NOT NEEDED

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## Other People's Views

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## MUCH DISCUSSED BOOK

To the Editor:—Our intellectual prejudices determine the channels along which our reason shall flow.—Aldous Huxley.

Do not one's mind immediately turn to a thought like that when we read the criticism adverse to and in favor of such a book as "All Quiet on the Western Front." Again, to quote Aldous Huxley, "potions which for one generation are dubious novelties become by the next absolute truths, which it is criminal to doubt, a duty to uphold." I am not upholding "All Quiet on the Western Front"; neither am I decrying it; not being a literary critic I am not in a position to do either. What is one man's bread is another man's poison. Rather would I leave the mind of each individual reader, and that makes an interesting study.

As in the matter of dress, diet, sport and pleasure, manners and modes are censored and changed, so in the arts: music, painting and literature. In these days of what is termed greater freedom, books from the classics to the "scutty" variety, which used almost for the asking. Not so very long ago certain books were known as "Yellow Backs." Was the censorship any severer in those days? Was it not rather either one of two things: the general public was not such a voracious reading public as is now, or, owing to the cost of production, the supply did not fill the demand?

It has been said "that a little learning is a dangerous thing," but it is through the little things that we become greater. It is only recently that the general public has been able to begin to realize the acquisitions through the medium of literature.

What is the difference between a few years ago, when wife in the act of reading a dubious novel, hearing her husband's footsteps in the hall, hurriedly hid it under her cushion and went to her embroidery, or husband who read and discussed division books with men at the club, but never referred to them in the presence of his wife; and the present day when all and sundry books are read openly, and discussed by and in the presence of all? The difference is perhaps not so much the difference of the intellectual prejudices of then as in the difference of the readers themselves as in the difference in intellectual freedom of the sexes. Persons then as now had their prejudices, but it was not always a la mode to voice them from the time having been born. And those even yet who, having been brought up and guided by the ideas of an earlier generation cannot rationalize their views to more modern ones, unless the more modern can be made adjustable to those with which they are familiar.

In order to form any conclusion as to such a book as "All Quiet on the Western Front" has received so much notoriety and become so popular over night, it would be profitable to read in "Proper Studies," the chapter on Varieties of Intelligence, and then as all with whom one came in contact, what their reactions on opinion were in regard to it.

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## NEW JOURNALISTS' BODY TAKES SHAPE

Provincial Organization Will Have Branches Throughout British Columbia

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—As a result of a meeting in Hotel Vancouver on meeting marked the culmination of

discussions extending over a period of months.

The new plans are to be submitted for final ratification to general meetings in Vancouver and Victoria, and the new institute should be in operation early in the new year. Under the new arrangement the chairman of the Vancouver branch, which has the greatest membership, will become ex-officio president of the institute.

H. A. Stein, president of the institute, was chairman of the gathering, and delegates present from Victoria included T. H. Wilson, H. B. McDonald and Leslie Fox. The Vancouver delegates were J. Edward Norcross, C. A. Sutherland, Myrtle Patterson, Sydney Scott, W. A. Findlay, E. H. Scott, Robert Elson and John Graham.

Following the conference, the Victoria delegates were entertained at dinner by their Vancouver colleagues, when J. Edward Norcross, who had been the chief mover in the scheme for the greater institution, was congratulated on his achievement.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—P. A. Macdonald, former Public Utilities Commissioner of Manitoba, is claiming \$40,000 from the provincial government for alleged wrongful dismissal. A petition of right filed by Mr. Macdonald will be heard to-morrow by Mr. Justice Donovan. The right of the legislature to dismiss is denied by the petitioner, who claims he was appointed for life.

## RATE WAR SEEN COMING IN FIGHT FOR BUS ROUTE

Four Big Machines Shipped to B.C. Electric For Haul-tain Run

Possibility of a rate war, which before it is through may see not only sharply-cut fares, but passengers in the Haultain and Fernwood district riding to town and back home on free passages, loomed to-day when the B.C. Electric Railway found the way clear to start its motor coach service on the Haultain route at once in direct competition with the interurban Blue Line, which has been operating busses on that line for some time.

Four of the latest type, high speed, Yellow Coach, forty-passenger busses were reported shipped from Vancouver to-day to the B.C. Electric in Victoria. These busses are being brought across to Nanaimo and will run down to Victoria over the Malahat.

Officials of the B.C. Electric explained that one or two days would be required to service the new busses, and then they would at once go into service on the Haultain route. It is proposed to start on a fifteen-minute service.

It is understood that the B.C. Electric has decided on this invasion of the Blue Line's exclusive territory in retaliation for the Blue having entered into direct competition with the B.C. Electric in the Oak Bay street car line.

It was reported to-day that as the first inducement offered to get control of the Haultain Street bus line away from the Blue Line, the B.C. Electric will give regular transfers from the busses over the street car routes of the city.

If this inducement alone does not prove effective in winning the fight, it was reported that fares would be cut.

## PLAINS IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The prairies are in the grip of a cold wave.

Coldest place in Canada overnight, Prince Albert, Sask., felt the crackling cold of "forty below." Milk froze on back porches, radiator fluid solidified in bally motor cars noses and ears froze and red flannels were unearthed from among the mothballs. Battleford, another northern Saskatchewan point, recorded 34° below, and Qu'Appelle, in the central portion of the province, 29° below. A few flakes of snow fell down at Edmonton, but no other precipitation was reported by weather officials. Alberta weather was comparatively mild. Though all stations recorded below-zero figures, the temperature at four points edged momentarily a degree or so above. Calgary and Lethbridge were the coldest spots in the province at 16° and 17° respectively.

The assumption is also made that the grants given to municipalities by the federal tax have solved the financial problem of the municipalities. While these grants have been of material assistance, they have not prevented a relative as well as an actual increase in the real property tax. Their beneficial effect has also been reduced substantially by legislation subsequent to their initiation in 1921. The proportion of liquor profits has been whittled down, and new expenditures have been thrust upon the municipalities such as superannuation, hospital charges and increase of fire departments.

### COSTLY EXPERIMENTS

The imposition of expenditure by the Legislature and the Education Department appears to be decided with little or no regard for the financial resources of the municipalities. A recent instance is the four-year term for high school education; this will entail additional costs, especially in the national savings plan to be imposed on the municipalities.

No satisfactory solution of the financial problem can be achieved unless and until any increase in expenditure is restricted to the normal growth of revenue. The situation remains as when rates of taxation have to be increased.

In point of fact there is urgent need for reductions in the rate of taxation in the municipalities.

"What is aimed at by the municipalities is not any increase in the total taxes levied on the people of the Province, but an adjustment of taxation in keeping with the statement of the Hon. the Minister of Finance in his last budget address, when he said:

"Taxes should be so distributed that the marginal utility of the money paid is equal." It matters little whether the taxes are named provincial or municipal. They serve common purposes; and are paid largely from the same source—the income of the people of the Province. An equal distribution is to be obtained, in substitution for the best method (within the limitations of the British North America Act), is some form of tax for educational and other social purposes based upon income; in lieu of the present tax on that portion of the community which owns municipal real property.

The intention of the Hon. the Minister of Finance expressed in his budget address, that the whole of the fiscal system be minutely and carefully surveyed in its bearing on the economic life of the Province, is noted with satisfaction, together with his declaration that "whatever determining features exist in the manner of distribution or collection of taxes will be eliminated."

Those words express in no small measure the desires of the municipal councils and the school boards.

"If no adjustment of revenues can be made, and nothing can be done to reduce the cost of education on the fiscal scale, it appears that the only logical alternative is to reduce the facilities for free education," concluded the statement.

The delegation meeting the Government this morning included Alderman E. H. Brideman of North Vancouver, George A. Grant, chairman of the Burnaby School Board, and secretary of the South Vancouver Association Trustee Alex Peden of Victoria, Reeve T. Reid of Surrey, Comptroller A. J. Pilkington of Vancouver, Councillor L. Lambert of Burnaby, Trustee Carr of Matsqui, and R. F. Blandy, municipal clerk of the Municipality of Oak Bay.

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The Municipalities of British Columbia, the delegation reminded the Government, had to provide for eighty per cent of the education in the province and were only given the same Government grant now as in 1905.

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**A SOUND ECONOMIC CONDITION**

**I**N THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR bankers, the railway presidents and other industrial leaders that all is well with Canada, The Financial Post of Toronto sees considerable practical value. This well-known journal naturally does not believe in hot-house business; but thinks the psychological effect of such efforts to encourage industry offsets adverse influences.

The Post does not close its editorial eyes to certain factors in Canada which may tend to slow down business in some respects. But it sees in slack days on the stock markets the bright prospect of easier money. "On the whole," our contemporary proceeds, "the corrective factors in the rather violent readjustment that we have experienced are of great importance, and over a period of time, should prove of great value in maintaining business stability." It will be remembered, of course, that while a year ago Canadian bankers tempered their optimism with a note of caution to the public to keep "one foot on the shore," they are now much more optimistic and contend that the long-term advance of Canadian prosperity will continue despite the present set-back in speculation.

It is natural perhaps that our financial authorities became unpopular with some people when they criticized the inflation of security prices. But to-day there are many who wish they had been more cautious. In the light of experience, therefore, the optimism which prevails in high financial circles is entitled to a special measure of public confidence. The Post concludes its survey of the present economic state of Canada with this pregnant paragraph: "The fundamental business situation, as it is likely to be reflected in business over a term of two or three years in Canada, is sounder to-day than it was before the crash in security prices."

**THE GENUINE RADICALS**

**T**HE WORD "RADICAL," AS WE USE it in this country, has been a word to frighten children. It represents everything that we distrust; uncouth and bearded men, dangerous dreamers, long-haired meddlers who would tear down our institutions and launch us on uncharted and dangerous seas of experiment.

As it happens, though, we do not really understand the word. If we did, we might realize that our greatest radicals are not Socialists or Communists, but wealthy, conservative industrialists. Rodney Dutcher recently pointed this fact out very clearly.

Washington heard two proposals looking toward the abolition of war the other day. One of them came from Bertrand Russell, famous British Socialist. Russell proposed that war be ended by control of essential raw materials. He would have such materials denied to all belligerents, thus crippling them so that war would be impossible. Russell admitted that his idea was somewhat visionary, and said it would take years of education and study before it could be tried.

The other anti-war proposal came from Edward N. Hurley of Chicago, the wealthy industrialist. Hurley's idea was the same as Russell's, except that it was more drastic. He pointed out that a dozen or more industrialists of three or four different nations, by their control of raw materials such as rubber, copper and the like, could end war overnight. He wants them to organize and get ready to do it. Unlike Russell, he does not think the plan is visionary. He does not think it will take "years of education and study." He thinks it can be put into effect at once, and he wants to see it done.

So we have the strange spectacle of a conservative and wealthy industrialist going far beyond a daring Socialist in proposing a remedy for the ills that beset modern society.

We need not be surprised, though. Actually our business leaders are our greatest radicals. They are changing the conditions of life with a speed to make the theorists blink. We do not notice it—so we call them conservatives.

Who ever proposed such a radical change in industrial procedure as Rockefeller put into effect? Who ever was half as radical about wages and prices as Henry Ford? What approach to international problems is as radical as the approach of some of our greatest bankers?

**WHERE THE POWER LIES**

**H**ENRY FORD RECENTLY RAISED the wages of some 140,000 men and added something like \$20,000,000 a year to the payroll of his country; and in doing so he crowded President Hoover's address to Congress out of the leading position on the front pages of the newspapers.

This raised once more that highly interesting question: who are the real rulers of the neighboring republic, its elected officials, or its big industrialists?

The answer is rather obvious. Despite the fact that the President of the United States is one of the most powerful national rulers on earth, real power in the country is very largely in the hands of men like Ford. In a very pointed sense, these men are the controllers of the republic's destiny. This may be all for the best, or it may be rather tragic; but there does not seem to be anything our neighbor can do about it except put up with it.

Consider, for instance, the power that lies in the hands of Ford alone—reflecting, all the while, that he is only one among a number of industrial giants. Close to half a million people are directly affected by Ford's wage increase. Uncounted thousands more will be indirectly affected. The entire nation will feel the effects of the thing.

Conversely, when Ford shuts down his plants the effect is nation-wide. Detroit takes on a dull and life-

less air. Other cities find their prosperity hard hit. Industries that supply Ford with some of his materials are given a taste of hard times. The whole middle west feels the shut down very keenly.

What is true of Ford is true of the other giants. General Motors, U.S. Steel, General Electric, the great railroad trunk lines. The men who run these concerns have almost the power of life and death over hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens. They can affect their lives more surely and directly than the United States government itself, except in time of war.

"Our real rulers are the great industrialists," one commentator says, "and we might as well admit it." The people of the republic apparently are recognizing the fact and are making the best of it.

**DROPPING THE CAVE MAN**

**T**HE EASTERN GENTLEMAN WHO plunged into the Canadian wilds a couple of months ago to see how far a modern city dweller could get in the primitive cave-man role seems to have come out a poor second in his combat with nature.

He planned to go into the wilds naked and unarmed, to clothe and feed himself with his bare hands and with such tools as he could make in the forest.

First he compromised by wearing running pants and an athletic shirt. Then he compromised further by taking an axe. Then he compromised some more by appropriating a moose skin that some Indian had left lying about.

And now, footsore, blistered and underweight from hunger, he comes back to civilization. Two months were plenty. The wilderness, it would seem, is too much for the modern city dweller.

This man, undoubtedly, did as well as any of us could do. We have gone a long way from the period of individual self-sufficiency. Who among us could go out into the forest and find his own food, clothing and shelter? Very few. Most of us would either starve or freeze in short order.

This measure of our helplessness is a striking testimonial to the distance that mankind has advanced. It is not so many generations ago that no man could live if he could not fight, bare-handed, against Nature. Now if a man can tend a simple machine, get on off a street car and find his way about a big city, he is amply fitted to survive.

Have we grown soft? Undoubtedly. But have we, in the softening process, really lost anything of value? Probably not. There is no reason for this easterner to feel ashamed of his failure in the wilderness. Indeed, the fact that he failed so ingloriously is really an item on the credit side of the ledger.

For life ought to be something more than a mere fight for existence. To be able to make a fire by rubbing two sticks together is, no doubt, quite an achievement, and, likewise, it is something to be able to catch a deer, eat his flesh and make a pair of breeches out of his hide. Yet the fact that we have become unable to do these things simply indicates that we have managed to do them away from the heritage of the ape and tiger. We have taken quite a number of steps upward.

There is no need for us to bewail our helplessness. We ought, rather, to be proud of it. It is an indication that we are progressing.

**HIS OWN MAN DID IT**

**WE DO NOT AGREE WITH MR. POOLEY** contention that he is not in any way responsible for what a police magistrate does with regard to issuing licenses for carrying firearms. He is indirectly responsible; he appoints the magistrates, and it is within his province to dismiss them if their actions do not conform to the best interests of the public.

When the present government took office more than a year ago, Magistrate Pope was presiding over the police court at Penticton. He continued in that position until August of the present year, when his appointment was rescinded, and his successor was named.

Magistrate Guernsey—the present incumbent—was for some time secretary of the Conservative Association in Penticton and an active party worker for many years. So if Mr. Pooley is viewing with some concern the action of Mr. Guernsey, as he says he is, it should be because he is indirectly responsible for what that officer does.

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

If our teaching is clear and decisive, those whose views it condemns will be hurt.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

How delightful it is to get away from the tyranny of collars, waistcoats and braces.—G. N. Poynton (Nigeria).

Men don't always practice what they preach but it would be a good deal worse if some men preached what they practice.—Milverton Sun.

I claim to be descended from the Thane of Fife—Macduff, the gentleman who killed Macbeth.—Mr. G. B. Shaw.

**WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY**

**BRITISH INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS**  
Wickham Sted in The Review of Reviews (London)

We are convinced that, given a spirit of co-operation between wage earners and industrialists, there are no limits to the improvement that can be made in our national position within a few years; and that the force of the example thus set will be felt throughout the world. Partly because of the unquestionable difficulties with which this country has been faced since the war, and partly because of our national habit of discussing these difficulties downheartedly, the impression has come to prevail abroad that England is but the shadow of her former self and is doomed to steady decline. This impression we believe to be wholly misleading. England is not on the "down grade." The worst is over, but the best is still to come.

**A THOUGHT**

But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.—Jeremiah xxii 30.

He who has it in his power to commit sin, is less inclined to do so. The very idea of being able, weakens the desire.—Ovid.

**Loose Ends**

A column of profound speculation—on Mr. Williams's cartoon—the habits of our ballrooms—the conditions of our soul—the place of our times in history—and all that sort of thing.

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In THIS paper the other night was one of those inimitable cartoons of Mr. Williams, which go under the title of "Out Our Way." It showed an old-fashioned party of forty years ago with two lines of oddly-dressed people on either side of the room, and a couple between them going through the steps of what I take to be the old Roger de Coverley, and all enjoying themselves into exhaustion. Inset in the cartoon was a picture of some modern couples dancing around a ballroom in that state of evident misery which you will find in every fashionable company. On this evidence Mr. Williams advanced the theory that "we have more fun in one evening than you do to-day in fifteen."

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NOW, THERE is a profound and moving thought for you. That cartoon opened up vistas of investigation which the historian will delight to explore a few hundred years from now. And what will the historian find? He will find Mr. Williams thinks that the generation that has almost gone was a much happier generation than ours. Mr. Williams is probably right. Nay I am ready to go further and say that the present generation, considering conditions of life, is instinctively the unhappiest in the history of our race. But in our childlike worship of modern science, our pathetic confidence that we must be making great strides, just because radios are so much better this year and we are traveling a-t-t miles an hour instead of thirty, thus blinded by our own brilliance, we do not admit our distress of soul even to ourselves. It takes someone like Mr. Williams with a homely picture of the past to make us realize just where we have been going.

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ONE WOULD have to live a hundred lives in a hundred distinct generations to gauge this matter accurately. The historian can record living conditions prevailing in ancient Athens, but he cannot say definitely whether the Athenians were happier than we are. We can only conclude that they were, by their art, their literature and their drama, which seemed to spring from a boundless enthusiasm for life. We can not tell exactly how the people of the Middle Ages felt, for though they are pictured as dwelling in squalor and discomfort, yet their great cathedrals, their crusades and explorations speak of a tremendous faith and inward confidence which we don't know anything about. Unless we are very old we don't even know how the people of Victorian times felt about things either, but what old man is there today who would prefer these times to his own?

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THE HISTORIAN will gauge our era as we try to gauge those that have gone before us. He will search our literature, and in place of the pure joy of living which filled the literature of Elizabethan times, or the matchless beauty of the Romantic Revival, he will find that our best authors, in a cold, calculating sort of way, are devoting their talents to representing life as a bestial and terrible thing. The historian will search our modern art and find it presenting life in forms of haughty and uncouth ugliness. He will search our popular music and find it glorifying hideous and unwholesome sounds. He will examine our recreation and find that we make ourselves miserable in the incredible complications of bridge by night, or distress ourselves by day because we cannot drive a little ball into a hole in four cracks instead of five. From every avenue of investigation the historian will only be able to conclude that we were a brain-sick, weary people.

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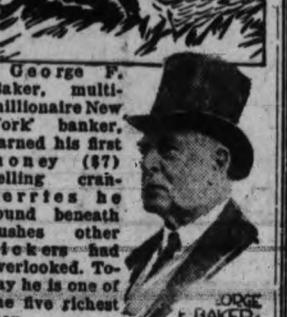
WE THE WORST, however, to yet to come. I observe our young at play. Unless they have been illuminated by cocktails in advance, they seem to carry upon their backs the weight of all our ancestral sins, which I suppose they do. Just as Mr. Williams has depicted them, they stalk about a ballroom as if they were celebrating a funeral rite, with slow and melancholy steps and looks of such heedlessness of heart that you almost wish they had illuminated themselves so that they could be happy for one evening at least.

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HAVING REVIEWED ALL these things, the historian perhaps will consider the vital point whether real happiness can survive real civilization, that is assuming that we are civilized, which is open to question. A good case already can be made out in the negative. It is one of the most evident features of our past that all peoples, on reaching a certain point of development, saw so much, lived so much, enjoyed so much that there appeared to be nothing left to do, and they lost interest in the business altogether. Precisely that happened in Rome sixteen centuries ago; and you can imagine the young Romans of that time, fattening on the toll of their rude ancestors, as we do now, going about Rome with that same look of utter satiation and despair which you will find on Government Street, on the faces of the well-to-do, every day.

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OUT OF THE historian may at last evolve a theory. Perhaps he will conclude that we are plunged into the higher culture of feu-foures when we have not properly grown out of the era of square dances, as depicted by Mr. Williams; that we are like wild animals brought into the relative comforts of a zoo, which perish for lack of hardship. Perhaps he will find that having investigated and conquered



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The many friends of Miss Katherine Goucher will regret to hear that she is a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY**

The Victoria Daily Times, December 17, 1904

New York, December 17 (Associated Press).—Nine persons, including two passengers, lost their lives early to-day in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven.

In view of the pending redistribution of the British navy and the contemplated reduction of the Esquimalt station, a communication received from the Admiralty League Headquarters in London by J. Wilson, secretary of the local branch of that association, is of special interest. The Admiralty's reason for reducing such expenses as that of Esquimalt and the advantages of the proposed scheme are briefly but clearly dealt with.

Yesterday closing exercises were held in connection with the Victoria West, Kingston Street, Spring Ridge and North Ward Schools. The others all held informal exercises, entertaining those parents and friends who called, and dismissing classes at the regular hour and usual manner.

The announcement appearing in last evening's Times in a press dispatch from London to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway have ordered three high-speed steamships from the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company has a special interest to shipping men on this coast. It is believed that at least one of these vessels, if not more, are intended for service on the Pacific.

The directors of the Jubilee Hospital held a very brief meeting last evening. There were present R. S. Day, president; H. D. Helmcken, A. Wilson, J. Brewerman, P. T. James, Henry Rivers, Ald. William Humphrey and R. E. Brett.

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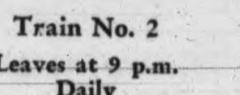
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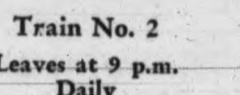
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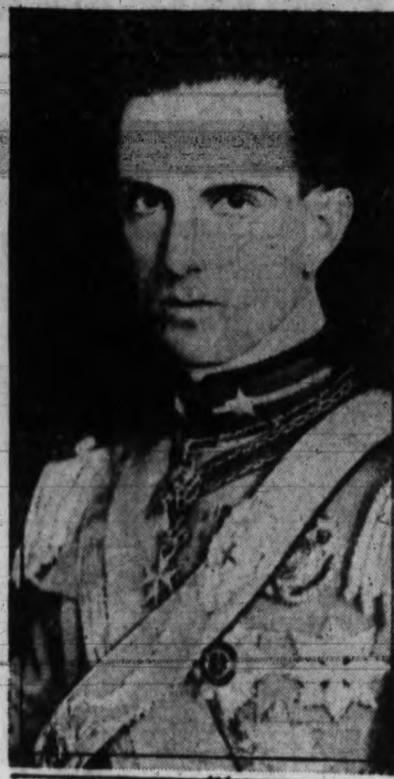
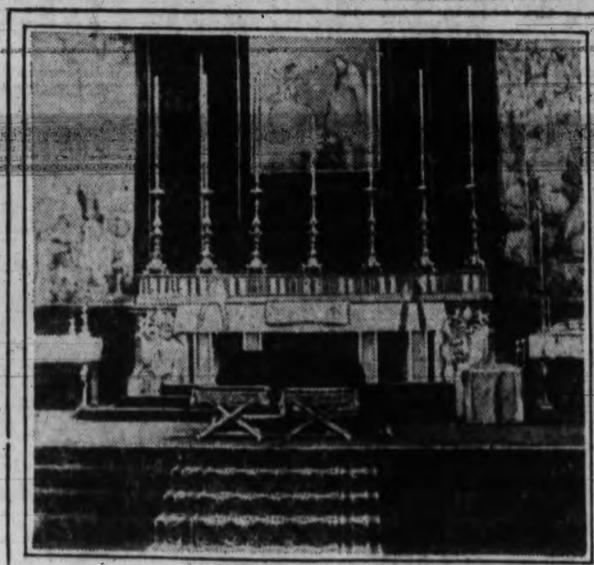
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surprise is terrific. Baby hasn't the least idea what he should do about it. His mouth is full. His small tongue pressed down hard on this thick mass, just as he has been used to doing with the rubber nipple, and the cereal runs out of his lips.

"Now don't do that," says his mother crossly. "You've got to take that cereal, young man, so don't try to spit it out."

Poor baby, he hadn't the least intention of spitting it out. He just didn't know what to do with it. Mother, with all the air of a young woman rolling up her sleeves and getting down to hard work, takes another big spoonful and approaches the baby. He throws himself back, he twists this way and that. He holds his mouth closed. He has begun to have

an increasing doubt whether this is such a very nice thing after all.

Perhaps I need not add any more to this picture. Carried to its logical conclusion we find that giving the baby cereal develops into a daily battle between mother and baby, with baby gloriously victorious. While mother can hold his nose and push the spoon into his mouth by every tactic of which she is capable, she can't make him keep it down.

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# Teams Enter Important Phase of English Football Cup Series

## THE SPORTS MIRROR

### Bolton Wanderers, Cup-holders, Drawn Against Birmingham

**THERE** appears to be some feeling among Vancouver boxing fans that Al Foreman did little for his Canadian lightweight title, in his bout last Friday night with Billy Townsend. A number of them have openly expressed their opinions, and one has written a letter to the editor of one of the Vancouver papers. It follows:

"I wish to protest strongly against the decision in the Townsend-Foreman fight. Yesterday night,

"In my judgment Foreman outboxed Townsend in ten out of the twelve rounds.

"I wonder how many of your readers agree. Townsend is certainly a good fighter, and if he boxed as well as he fought, or if he had science to follow up his aggressiveness, he would have won the match in the second round.

"Townsend, however, however, "fought all the way" for thirty-six minutes,

and still he could not penetrate the champion's guard deeply enough for a knockout. I understand that the decision of the judges was not unanimous, and that one of them considered the match a draw."

This makes a number of local fans and promoters smile, as in the past Vancouver fighters, their managers and especially one Mainland sport writer, have claimed visiting fighters get robbed of decisions when they fought in Victoria. Now we have Vancouver fans declaring that a visiting champion should not have lost the decision. It looks pretty bad when the home-towners go against their own boy.

In the fight on the same card between Jumbo Davis of Victoria, and Johnny McDonald, the fans booted the verdict which gave the right to McDonald. They figured the Victoria boy was at least entitled to a draw.

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Foreman, who is a quiet and reserved sort of chap, had little to say following the fight but here are his sentiments in a few words: "I don't figure Townsend's margin, if any, was sufficient to take the title away from me. I was alone. I guess the officials said what they saw it, but the home town sentiment does sway some mind. You can't get away from that, can you?"

The other day Joe Vialle, manager of Max Schubeling, German heavyweight contender, arrived back in the United States with the surprising news that Max was willing to fight anyone. Max will sail for America this month and will be in Atlantic City January 2 to begin training for a fight on Washington's birthday. Johnny Riello might prove a good opponent for Schubeling. It is true that Max stopped him but whether or not he could do it again remains an interesting question. Riello has been going great lately, and the way he stopped Jimmy Maloney in Cleveland was excellent. Tuffy Griffiths might give Schubeling a fair fight while Phil Scott or Otto Von Porat could provide him with plenty of opposition in the opinion of many.

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Gene Tunney shocked a little group of boxing writers with whom he chatted following his return from Europe the other day. It was his opinion, he stated, that Tunney doesn't fully understand the fine points of boxer science. He implied that Tunney was too much of a defensive fighter. Gene was somewhat of a defensive fighter himself. Tunney's plan of battle nearly always could be explained by two words "counter punch." That was his best offense and defense.

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Among the heavyweight wrestling contenders, there is a man who has posted \$10,000 which boldly informs anyone and everyone that he will top all the so-called champions into the middle of next week. This man's name is John Peck and he just recently landed the United States after a six-months' wrestling invasion of Australia where he didn't lose a fall. The most impressive thing about this Mr. Peck is his neck—sixty-eight inches. He is a mid-aspiring par of thirty-four years. He isn't particularly heavy-muscled. He weighs only 225 pounds, but he's the most ferocious and dished wrestler the grunts and groans game has known in many years.

However, yet has signed Peck to meet Gus Sonnenberg or Jack Hall, who are regarded now as the two outstanding champions. Peck succeeded in convincing several state athletic commissions he was champion, while Sonnenberg has convinced a lot of folks he can toss Peck like a feather almost any time he desires. There are many, however, who demand conclusive proof that Peck is a better grunter and groaner as a youth. Peck was sickly. He determined to build up his health and body by wrestling. He was an amateur wrestling partner of Champion Joe Steeves. By several little publicity stunts Peck impressed the public by his strength. In one of them he permitted a large automobile in which were five men to drive across his chest and stomach. Other feats were toying with such playful fellow as full grown bulls on his Nebraska farm and carrying a full load of hay on his broad back.

**Monthly Medalists To Play in Special Contest on Sunday**

Winding up the monthly medal competition for the 1929 season, winners of the different contests throughout the year will meet in a special competition next Sunday at the Upstate Golf Club. Full handicap will be allowed and no entry fee will be charged.

**Will Have to Fight to Remain in Running; Sheffield United-Leicester City Should Be Another Good Match; The Wednesday to Meet Burnley; Corinthians, Crack Amateur Club, Drawn Against Millwall; Complete Draw Issued.**

London, Dec. 17.—With the minor clubs practically out of the way, the English Football Association cup competition entered its important phase yesterday when the draw for the third round was made and given out. The first and second division teams and the Corinthians, the noted amateur club, come in at this stage of the fight.

#### Fair Play, Sire Of Man o' War, Dies Yesterday

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—Fair Play, sire of Man o' War and one of the greatest of thoroughbreds, died at Joseph E. Widener's Elmendorf Farm, near here yesterday. Infirmitis and old age are understood to have been the cause.

#### SIX WORK-OUTS BILLED FOR REP RUGBY FIFTEEN

**Squad Will Be Put in Shape With Practices Every Other Day After Saturday**

Scottish and Bays to Clash in Final Games This Week in Both Divisions

With a practice filled for virtually every other day following the scheduled senior league fixture Saturday, Victoria's McKechnie Cup rugby team should be in fine shape for their game against Varsity here on January 4.

At the meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union last night, the practice schedule was set forth: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, December 24, High School maximum; Thursday, December 26, High School gymnasium; Saturday, December 28, Willows; Monday, December 30, High School gymnasium, and Thursday, January 3, High School gymnasium.

During the practice the coach will try out both sevens and eight men scrums to decide whether a forward or back will take the place left by Brian Hunning.

When the crucial game comes, the players should be in fine shape and should be able to put up a good battle against the highly organized Varsity squad.

**GAME SATURDAY.**

This Saturday, the Bays and Canadian Scottish seniors will clash in the final game of the first half to which fifteen will hold the championship of the initial section.

When they met earlier in the season the Scottish hammered out a 6-3 victory over the carmen in one of the tightest and hardest fought senior fixtures seen here for some time.

For the game this week the Bays will trot out their strongest team, while the Scots are expected to line up as they did for the previous encounter.

The same organizations will be represented in the intermediate game to be played that day, while the Bays and Scottish clash in their postponed league fixture at Oak Bay Park.

Both games will start at 3:15 o'clock.

#### McDUFFER BY BARRIE PAYNE

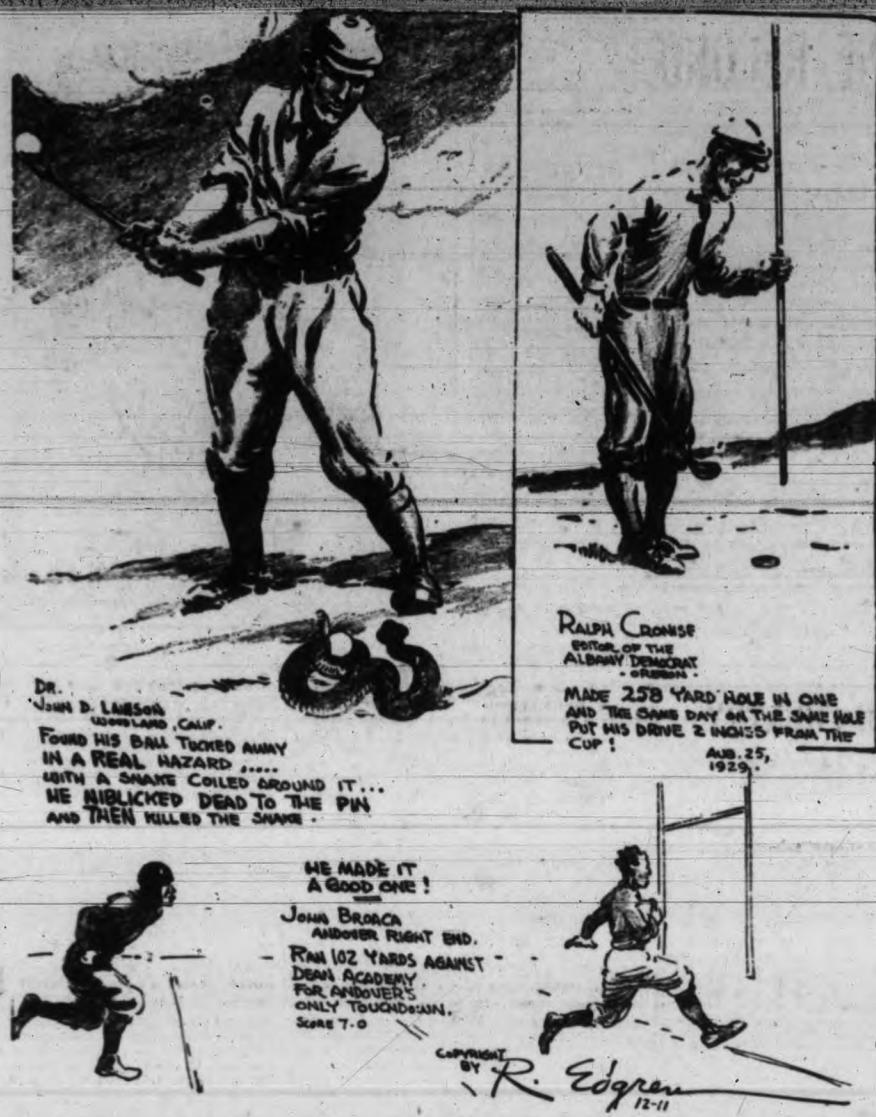


#### Hogan Is First Giant to Sign

New York, Dec. 17.—Francis Hogan got the honor of being the first New York Giant to sign a contract for 1930. The big catcher affixed his signature on the dotted line yesterday.

#### Miracles of Sport

By Robert Edgren



#### Fragments Cup Won By Victoria Eleven

**City School Representatives Defeat Oak Bay Team 2-1 in Final Yesterday**

**Lawson Nets Winning Goal; Rain and Sloppy Field Spoils Hard-fought Game**

Kenny Lawson's splendid goal three minutes after the start of the second half, gave Victoria a 2-1 victory over Oak Bay in the final of the Fragments Cup school soccer series played yesterday afternoon at Oak Bay Park. The match, played in a steady downpour of rain, was a keenly fought one with neither of the teams being able to show up to their best owing to the terrible conditions they were forced to play under.

The teams were as follows:

Oak Bay — Stevens (Oak Bay High); Carmichael (St. Michael's); and Melville (Oak Bay High); Hayward (Willows); Robbins (Montgomery) and Poynett (Montgomery); Williams (Montgomery); Marshall (Oak Bay High); Reside (Montgomery); McKim (Cranleigh) and Campbell (Montgomery).

Victoria — Timothy (North Ward); Bridges (North Ward); Burnett (Victoria West); Levy (George Jay); Payne (Margaret Jenkins); and Dallas (Quadra); Okell (Victoria West); Lawson (Margaret Jenkins); Stevens (Victoria West); Parker (Quadra) and Addison (Oaklands).

**Titular Badminton Meet For Ottawa**

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The 1930 titular match of the Canadian Badminton Association will be staged in the capital on February 6, 7 and 8. Decision to hold the championship play on the courts of the Ottawa Badminton Club was reached at a meeting of the association over the weekend. No appointments were made by the executive.

**LAWSON WAS STAR.**

Besides scoring the winning goal Lawson, who was about the smallest player on the field, played a wonderful game. What he lacked in size he made up in energy. He was all over the field working like a little fox both on the offensive and defensive. He is from Margaret Jenkins School.

This is the first time in four years that the Victoria representatives have won the trophy. The last time was when the Oaklands School team lifted the cup. Saanich won the cup last year.

Oak Bay kicked off and for the first few minutes were on the offensive but Victoria soon took up the attack and Stevens and Okell at centre forward and outside right, respectively had open shots home. Stevens worked his way into good shooting position but his stinging drive missed the goal completely. Oak Bay carried the play up the field and forced a corner but Victoria cleared down the right. Taking a pass at outside right Okell had a good chance to score but the stick slipped and pulled off his shot. The youngsters were finding it hard to hold their feet and were slipping around in the mud.

Oak Bay went into a goal lead when Campbell at outside right beat Timothy with a high shot from close quarters. Victoria attacked from the side and after hemming Oak Bay in the corner Stevens scored the tie's score on Stevens's goal.

The second half had just got underway when Lawson drove home the winning counter. During a combined attack by the Victoria forwards Carmichael, left full-back for Oak Bay and his little Lawson rushed in to score. For the remainder of the game Stevens made a great effort to save the ball slipped past his hands.

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#### Shires Wants Big Salary Increase

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Charles Arthur, the Chicago giant, wants \$30,000 to play first base for the White Sox next season—or else. Stevens, whose contract last year called for \$28,500, declares the American League will lose to score. For the remainder of the game Stevens made a great effort to save the ball slipped past his hands.

#### Rangers to Tackle Americans in First Of Inter-city Games

**Keen Rivals Will Resume Hostilities of Last Season at Madison Square Garden To-night; Rangers Should Win on Form; Inconsistent Toronto Team Will Meet Maroons; Boston and Ottawa to Clash; Important Changes May Result in Standings.**

New York, Dec. 17.—If variety is the spice of hockey as well as of life, Toronto's Maple Leafs have done a thorough job of seasoning the National League season. The Leafs have ruined nearly every prediction made about them so far, winning when they were expected to lose, then dropping games to opponents rated as easy victims.

Picked as probable leaders of the international group, they now are in fourth place with but nine points scored in thirteen games.

To-night they meet the third place Montreal Maroons and the issue is very much in doubt. Montreal has been winning consistently enough to tally thirteen points, failing just one behind second place. They have not met this season, but Montreal has lost two games to the New York Rangers, the only team Toronto has beaten twice.

Where the Maroon-Toronto contest is expected to provide the big surprise of to-night's schedule, the battles at Boston and New York are considered more important. Boston's champion Bruins clash with the Ottawa Senators, who dropped out of the international group last year but Saturday. It is their second meeting within a week. Boston getting a 3-2 decision in the first.

**FIRST INTER-CITY CLASH.**

At New York the Rangers and Americans clash in the first of their intra-city struggles. So far the Americans have been playing doormat for the other teams while the Rangers have been up among the American group leaders. But the standings have not bearing on the fraternal strife. A year ago when the two were as far ahead, they came out even in four games with a victory apiece to tie.

The fourth of to-night's games sends Les Canadiens of Montreal, leaders of the international group, to Pittsburgh to meet the Iroquois Pirates. In their last encounter, the Flying Frenchmen romped off with a 6-3 triumph but they are prepared for a stiffer struggle to-night.

As usual when several games are scheduled, there are many possibilities of changes in the standings. Canadiens can do no worse than drop back into a tie with Ottawa for the international group top, but a victory for the Maroons will bring with it Ottawa's defeat which would reverse second and third places. The American group standing can not be changed as the Rangers are three points behind the Bruins trio, leads all scorers in the section with 14 goals.

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# Lions Gain Top Berth in Pacific Coast Hockey

## Chalk Up Victory Over Bobby Rowe's Scoreless Wonders

Lone Goal by Bill Phillips in First Period Brings Champions Win Over Portland; Bucks Adopt Strenuous Methods in Last Period in Great Effort to Tie Score; Fifth Straight Win for Frank Patrick's Protégés.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The Portland Buckaroos are still the scoreless wonders of the Pacific Coast Hockey League. The goals which Bobby Rowe sent his men out after last night against the Vancouver Lions, did not materialize. Instead the Lions got a goal of their own in the first period, protected it for two more periods and emerged with their fifth straight win by a 1-0 score. The victory gave the locals the right to perch on top of the league.

Skipper Bill Phillips aided by Sandy Sanderson put on the goal which gave the home boys their win. Phillips got away from the Bucks in centre ice, called for a pass from Sanderson, shot wild and then broke away again to take a pass from the corner where Sanderson was scrambling and pushed the puck past Aitkenhead. Thereafter the Lions had to go to work to hold their lead. The Bucks adopted strenuous measures to break away and knot the count. Four and five men were sent up the ice continually in the final session, and the last ten minutes of the battle the Bucks had no one but the goalie in their own defence area. For the last three or four minutes everyone, save Aitkenhead and the boys on the bench, was inside the Lions' Blue line.

Portland made a big bid for the lead in the first period when they outplayed the locals for the middle ten minutes. During this time the Bucks had the upper hand and were forcing the play continuously. More than 3,000 fans sat in on the contest.

### THE LINE-UPS

Vancouver—Jackson, J. Jerwa, Bretnan, Beattie, Sanderson, Phillips, Cunningham, F. Jerwa, McAdam, Dunn and Arnott.

Portland—Aitkenhead, McGoldrick, Pratt, Downie, Couper, Conn, Teel, Huffman, Lyons, Burke and Armstrong. Referee—Mickey Ion.

### SUMMARY

First Period.—1. Vancouver, Phillips vs. Sanderson, 13-22. Penalties: Pratt.

Second Period.—No score. Penalties: Pratt, Dunn.

Third Period.—No score. Penalties: Brennan, J. Jerwa, Teel.

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## Hockey Standings

### P.C.H.L.

### Goals

|           | W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| Vancouver | 6 2 2 17 9 14     |       |
| Seattle   | 5 1 2 14 8 12     |       |
| Portland  | 2 4 2 3 6 6       |       |
| Victoria  | 0 6 2 6 11 2      |       |

### N.H.L.

### Canadian Section

### Goals

|                | W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Canadiens      | 10 2 0 27 43 10   |       |
| Ottawa         | 6 4 2 22 41 14    |       |
| Maroons        | 6 5 1 43 33 9     |       |
| Toronto        | 4 8 1 39 52 9     |       |
| N.Y. Americans | 2 9 0 21 47 12    |       |

### American Section

### Goals

|              | W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| Boston       | 10 2 0 47 35 20   |       |
| Chicago      | 7 2 2 41 23 16    |       |
| N.Y. Rangers | 6 4 1 44 34 12    |       |
| Detroit      | 4 7 1 37 46 9     |       |
| Pittsburgh   | 2 9 0 36 51 4     |       |

### Third Division

### Goals

|                      | W. W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Plymouth Argyle      | 17 11 3 4 42 16 23   |       |
| Brentford & H. Alb.  | 17 11 3 2 34 16 23   |       |
| Northampton Town     | 17 10 4 5 28 17 23   |       |
| Bournemouth & Bos.   | 16 8 2 6 34 19 22    |       |
| Southend United      | 17 7 3 7 34 20 21    |       |
| Gateshead            | 17 8 3 5 27 38 21    |       |
| Fulham               | 17 8 3 5 27 38 21    |       |
| Coventry City        | 17 8 3 6 29 29 21    |       |
| Queen's Park Rangers | 16 7 3 2 21 18       |       |
| Newport City         | 17 7 3 6 34 35 18    |       |
| Watford              | 17 8 7 6 35 34 18    |       |
| Exeter City          | 17 7 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Tottenham Hotspur    | 17 8 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Torquay United       | 17 8 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Watford              | 17 8 7 4 26 26 12    |       |
| Clapton Orient       | 17 2 7 8 14 25 12    |       |
| Brentford            | 16 3 9 4 28 25 19    |       |
| Newport County       | 17 8 7 8 28 25 19    |       |
| Gillingham           | 18 3 12 3 24 27 9    |       |
| Merthyr Town         | 16 1 1 1 4 14 49 6   |       |

### Southern Section

### Goals

|                    | W. W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Port Vale          | 16 7 2 3 22 17 17    |       |
| Darlington         | 18 11 5 2 45 28 24   |       |
| Stockport County   | 15 10 2 3 44 18 23   |       |
| Crewe Alexandra    | 16 9 2 2 37 24 21    |       |
| Accrington Stanley | 15 8 4 3 22 17 17    |       |
| Rochdale           | 15 8 4 3 22 17 17    |       |
| Carlisle United    | 17 9 7 1 44 19 19    |       |
| South Shields      | 17 7 5 5 25 25 20    |       |
| Walsall            | 17 7 5 5 25 25 20    |       |
| Swindon Town       | 18 8 7 6 35 34 18    |       |
| Exeter City        | 17 7 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Tottenham Hotspur  | 17 8 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Torquay United     | 17 8 7 5 30 30 19    |       |
| Watford            | 17 8 7 4 26 26 12    |       |
| Clapton Orient     | 17 2 7 8 14 25 12    |       |
| Brentford          | 16 3 9 4 28 25 19    |       |
| Newport County     | 17 8 7 8 28 25 19    |       |
| Gillingham         | 18 3 12 3 24 27 9    |       |
| Merthyr Town       | 16 1 1 1 4 14 49 6   |       |

### Third Division

### Goals

|                     | W. W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Aberdeen            | 20 13 3 4 59 30 26   |       |
| Banfield            | 19 14 2 3 44 14 24   |       |
| Motherwell          | 19 12 3 4 59 30 26   |       |
| Glasgow             | 19 11 3 2 45 27 24   |       |
| Partick Thistle     | 19 10 3 2 44 37 27   |       |
| Clydebank           | 19 11 3 2 44 37 27   |       |
| St. Mirren          | 19 9 3 2 41 27 24    |       |
| Falkirk             | 19 9 3 2 44 37 27    |       |
| Hamilton Academical | 18 8 3 2 37 28 23    |       |
| Dundee              | 18 6 9 4 22 24 16    |       |
| Harlepool United    | 15 4 5 6 24 25 14    |       |
| Wrexham             | 15 4 8 4 24 25 17    |       |
| Doncaster Rovers    | 18 9 11 2 24 22 14   |       |
| New Brighton        | 17 8 11 1 18 46 11   |       |
| Barnsley            | 16 4 11 1 18 46 11   |       |
| Halliford Town      | 15 2 11 5 19 33 9    |       |

### Northern Section

### Goals

|                    | W. W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Leith Athletic     | 20 13 3 4 59 30 26   |       |
| Albion Rovers      | 19 14 2 3 44 14 24   |       |
| East Fife          | 19 14 2 3 44 14 24   |       |
| Third Lanark       | 18 11 3 2 49 24 24   |       |
| Partick Thistle    | 18 11 3 2 44 37 27   |       |
| Armadale           | 19 10 3 2 44 37 27   |       |
| Reith Rovers       | 19 8 5 5 37 35 21    |       |
| Arbroath           | 19 8 6 5 37 35 21    |       |
| Montrose           | 19 8 7 1 37 35 21    |       |
| East Stirlingshire | 18 9 1 1 34 24 14    |       |
| King of South      | 18 8 3 2 37 34 21    |       |
| Kinross Park       | 17 9 7 4 34 24 14    |       |
| Airdrieonians      | 19 5 10 4 34 25 14   |       |
| St. Johnstone      | 19 2 11 3 24 33 11   |       |

### Second Division

### Goals

|                     | W. W. L. D. P. A. P. | Goals |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Leeds Athletic      | 19 14 2 3 57 31 21   |       |
| West Bromwich       | 19 14 2 3 57 31 21   |       |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 19 11 3 2 44 37 27   |       |
| Nottingham Forest</ |                      |       |



# Deep Sea and Coastwise Transportation



## Skagway Believed Total Loss Near Cape Flattery

**Salvage King Leaves Victoria to Make Survey of Ship Ruined by Fire and Grounding Yesterday; Captain Remains Aboard His Ship to the Last.**

The Pacific Salvage Company's steamer *Salvage King* of Victoria steamed out of her berth in the inner harbor at midnight and proceeded to the site where the disabled freighter *Skagway* lies piled up on the rocks near Cape Flattery, a total loss by serious fire which ravaged her holds all day yesterday.

Capt. J. M. Hewson, master of the *Salvage King*, had not reported to the local office regarding the condition of the ship at noon to-day. It is expected the salvage of the *Skagway* will prove a difficult job.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—With heavy seas breaking completely over her, the freight steamer *Skagway*, Seattl bound from China, which caught fire and was piled on the rocks a short distance south of Cape Flattery early yesterday, was abandoned later in the day by Capt. E. Strandquist, her helmsman.

Capt. Strandquist refused to leave the burning ship as the flames swept nearer 100 barrels of gasoline, lubricating oil and alcohol and remained aboard alone for several hours after the other officers and the crew had left her. As Capt. Strandquist went to the side of the burning freighter he was taken aboard the United States coast guard cutter *Snohomish*, one of the rescue ships that hastened to the scene of the disaster. With Capt. Strandquist aboard, the *Snohomish* steamed for Port Angeles, abandoning the *Skagway* as a total loss.

Capt. Strandquist told officers of the *Snohomish* that the crew left the *Skagway* and took to the boats when pressed by heat from the fire and escaped in the darkness. When they left her, the men striking the hot coals were turning into steam as they left. The holds of the wrecked ship were half full of water. The vessel had no radio. The crew arrived at Neah Bay at 12.05 p.m. and the master at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

### STRONG WIND BLOWING

The *Salvage King* reported that *Skagway* was ashore, headed south about a half mile south of Fuchs Point, a strong southwest wind was blowing.

The *Skagway* was bound for Seattle from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Her cargo included 100 barrels of gasoline, lubricating oil and alcohol.

The *Skagway* was noticed by a beach patrol on Tatlow Island, several miles north of the scene of the wreck, drifting around apparently out of control and 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The dismasted vessel was believed to have no wireless, as no SOS signals were picked up by coast stations.

The steamboat inspection service of the Department of Commerce here indicated an investigation would be made of the wreck.

The crew immediately took to the lifeboats and were picked up by coast guards. Lifeboats were sent and taken to Neah Bay, but Capt. Strandquist, true to the tradition of the service, refused to leave the burning freighter doomed to destruction on the rocks.

### FORMERLY DOLLAR SHIP

The *Skagway*, formerly of Stanley, is a steel vessel of 1,838 gross and 855 net tons register. She was built in the old Moran plant in Seattle by the American Shipbuilding Company in January, 1917. When she was sold to W. W. Mitchell the vessel then became the property of G. H. Walker and Company of Los Angeles. She was operating under charter to the McCormick Steamship Company on her ill-fated voyage.

Weather observers on Tatlow Island sighted the *Skagway* shortly before a gale yesterday morning, apparently out of control. Three hours later she was headed for the rocks at Fuchs' Pillar Point and then it was learned that she was afire and the flames spreading to her dangerous cargo. Heavy surf was pounding the stricken ship, although she was protected to some extent from the sweep of the wind by her dangerous position between the rocks.

### MEN IN LIFEBOATS

When life-saving crews in two surf boats arrived at the scene of the wreck, twenty-eight men of the crew of the ship were in the lifeboats. The crew, led by Capt. Strandquist, on the *Skagway*'s bridge, and they urged him to launch a lifeboat. Danger of an explosion of the cargo of gasoline, oil and alcohol made the situation perilous.

The coast guard cutter *Snohomish* and the coast guard patrol boat 270 arrived at the scene of the wreck before noon ready to render assistance.

No radio messages were received from the *Skagway* by any of the Pacific Coast wireless stations, and it is believed she has no radio.

### BETTER DAYS AHEAD

Won't it be nice when, if Johnny and Mary ask to go to the movies, instead of feeling a bit uneasy and embarrassed, we hand out a couple of quarters with the remark that we don't know whether they ought to see it or not, we look over the paper and state happily, "Children, here is a movie I want you to see to-morrow, and there is to be a play too. I must buy you tickets for on Saturday morning. You mustn't miss it." Dear, what a relief!

Good times are coming, it's pretty certain.

Right now, we are just discovering that children have rights, isn't it? But better late than never.

It takes time for everything and this is only a beginning, but isn't it encouraging?

### WORLD TRAVELER



HARRY MacINTYRE

## Around the Docks

The Japanese liner *Arizona Maru* had a rough crossing from Yokohama, officers of the ship reported when she docked here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from ports in China and Japan. For half the two week voyage, the ship was tossed about on great waves and at times she lay on her side in the entire deck. The ship brought in a light passenger list, there only being three travelers for this port and about fifteen for Seattle. Nearly 200 tons of general cargo were left here, about 2,000 tons proceeding to Seattle.

The next Canadian National freighter here from eastern Canadian ports will be the *Canadian Ranger*, which is expected here next Sunday. She passed the Panama Canal on December 11 and is expected here on December 28.

The trial runs of the fleet of the new BC coast steamers for the C.P.R. will be held on the Clyde on March 25, it was announced yesterday. The first ship will be launched on January 17, and will arrive here some time towards the end of April.

The Japanese freighter *Clyde Maru* docked at the Ogden Point piers last night at 8 o'clock. Loading of 1,100,000 feet of lumber for Japan was commenced this morning. The ship will be here two or three days.

From ports in China and Japan, after a rough voyage, the Blue Funnel liner *Tyndareus* docked at the Ritter piers last night at 7 o'clock. She proceeded to Vancouver at 9.30 o'clock after disembarking several Chinese steerage passengers and leaving about fifty tons of general cargo here. In the Vancouver cargo was a shipment of raw silk valued at \$1,500,000.

Ships passing Race Rocks overnight were the Japanese freighters *Juno Maru* and *Fukuryu Maru*. Both ships were inbound from the Orient to Vancouver.

The C.P.R. coast steamer *Princess Royal* arrived in port last evening from Vancouver by way of the Gulf Islands. She left at 17.00 yesterday morning on her return to the mainland and en route called at a number of Gulf ports.

The Japanese freighter *Shunsei Maru* was still at the Ritter piers this morning loading 1,500,000 feet of Vancouver Island timber for Shanghai. King Brothers, who are handling the ship, expect to clear her for the Orient this afternoon.

The C.P.R. excursion steamer *Princess Patricia* has been taken to the Bay Street plant of the Victoria Machinery Depot for engine repair before being commissioned next summer.

The Canadian Australian liner *Empress of Australia* from Auckland to New Zealand arrived at Victoria yesterday with passengers and cargo. She will call at Victoria and San Francisco.

The C.P.R. excursion steamer *Princess Patricia* has been taken to the Bay Street plant of the Victoria Machinery Depot for engine repair before being commissioned next summer.

The Canadian liner *Empress of Canada* from Australia arrived at Victoria yesterday with passengers and cargo.

In his letter asking the city's recommendation on the applications, Mr. Philip suggested the thirty mile an hour ought to be cut to twenty miles an hour. The Veterans Sights and Transportation Company Limited is proposed; commencing at 9.30 a.m., and concluding at 11.30 p.m.

Yellow coaches would be used on the route, named as starting from Yates and Douglas Streets, thence to

### CITY NOT TO INTERVENE IN CONTROVERSY

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### NO INTERVENTION

Mr. Pringle advised his council that while it has full powers to enter streets over which buses might operate, it had limited powers of prohibition in respect to streets where bus service was already permitted.

In the present instance, he said, it would prohibit the operation of motor vehicles over the route, if the usual regulations were complied with.

Alderman J. L. Mara moved a copy of the solicitor's letter be forwarded to the department. Acting on this, the Veterans Sights and Transportation Company haven't the power to interfere with the bus service.

Mr. Pringle advised his council that the city has no jurisdiction in the matter of the present application.

### ENTERS PROTEST

On the introduction of the question, Alderman James Adam asked what the city's authority was in such a case.

Mr. Pringle's letter was read in reply.

Alderman Adam—Are we to take it then that the Veterans Sights and Transportation Company haven't the power to interfere with the bus service?

Mr. Pringle—Yes. You have given the answer. All those in favor say "aye."

The motion carried without discussion, or record vote.

### SERVICE PROPOSED

In the applications before the Deputy Minister of Public Works, signed by Atwell D. King, on behalf of the B.C.E.R. Company, Limited, which is described as the lessee of the Vancouver Island Transportation Company Limited, a fifteen minute daily service is proposed; commencing at 9.30 a.m., and concluding at 11.30 p.m.

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### DOLLARS DELAYED BY CUSTOMS



Failure to declare about \$3,700 worth of merchandise allegedly purchased abroad involved R. Stanley Dollar, president of the Dollar Steamship Company, with customs officials. Here you see the steamship magnate with his wife, his daughter Diana and his son, Robert Stanley Jr., as they arrived from Europe and were delayed while special agents of the customs staff checked their baggage. Six pieces of luggage were held for appraisal. The articles under dispute were clothes purchased by Mrs. Dollar abroad.

The duty was subsequently paid by Mr. Dollar.

## A PALATIAL YACHT COMES TO GRIEF ON THE ROCKS



Above is shown a picture of the palatial \$300,000 yacht owned by Edsel B. Ford, which was wrecked on a reef off New Bedford, Mass., recently. The magnificent yacht, which carried a crew of seventeen, is expected to be a total loss as heavy seas are pounding on the hull of the ship, making salvage a formidable undertaking.

## Submarine Plans Of Japan Drafted For Naval Parley

Washington, Dec. 17.—Authoritative Japanese sources here indicated last night that the Far Eastern Empire would enter the annual International Conference, prepared to sacrifice other categories if necessary to maintain the force of submarines, considered vital for defensive proposals by the Tokio Government.

The Japanese delegation is the conference, now here for conversations with United States officials, probably will ask for a submarine fleet of 80,000 tons the present approximate strength of Japan in this category.

A submarine fleet of that size is considered by the Japanese to be the minimum necessary for defence needs of their country in view of the island position and location.

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Mobile, Ala.: Day after to-morrow.

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St. Paul, Minn.: Day after to-morrow.

Chicago, Ill.: Day after to-morrow.

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Kansas City, Mo.: Day after to-morrow.

Omaha, Neb.: Day after to-morrow.

Portland, Ore.: Day after to-morrow.

Seattle, Wash.: Day after to-morrow.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Day after to-morrow.

San Francisco, Calif.: Day after to-morrow.

Montreal, Que.: Third day, 7.30 a.m.

Austin, Tex.: Third day, 10.29 p.m.

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ALFRED HEATHER HAS NOTABLE CAREER IN MUSIC PRESENTATION

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which had its Canadian premiere last month at the English music festival at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

STUDIED WITH GENIUSES

Mr. Heather has studied with Signor Alessandro Romilly, Sir Charles Santley, Gustave Garcia and repertoire with Sir Henry Wood.

He has had a most extensive and varied experience in both grand and "light" opera, playing many leading roles with Sir Thomas Beecham's and the Quinlan companies.

His first appearance in light opera was as "Lancelot" in "La Poupee" at the Prince of Wales Theatre in London, and he also won recognition in Stanford's "Almansor O'Brien."

During his association with George Edwardes, the noted London producer, Mr. Heather went to South Africa as stage manager of a light opera company and in that capacity produced for Mr. Edwardes eight operas, including the famous musical comedies "San Toy," "Kitty Grey," "Floradora," "Geisha," "The Runaway Girl" and "The Messenger Boy."

He spent five years in South Africa and during that time was appointed director of music at St. Saviour's Cathedral in Pietermaritzburg.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

He then returned to England to enjoy a holiday and was prevailed upon to accept the vacancy at Westminster Abbey for "Lay Vicar" (tenor soloist).

In 1920 Mr. Heather was asked to take part in the English tour of "The Beggar's Opera" at the Lyric Theatre in London, and after six months was sent across the Atlantic to reproduce the opera in New York. He stage-managed six tours of "The Beggar's Opera" across the United States and Canada and on his last tour produced Gay's "Polly," which is still remembered here.

Before going to Toronto last September to produce "Hugh, the Drover," Mr.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Irene Joyce Fennell, 848 Duran Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (6).

Glenys Elizabeth Hale, 1341 Gladstone Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (9).

Little Swiss Boy Went On A Dangerous Trip

Alexander Agassiz, a Swiss boy, wanted to go everywhere his father went. His father was a scientist, and Alexander thought such work was the most interesting in the world.

One time his father was going high into the mountains to make a study of glacier. Alexander begged to be taken along, but his father said he was too small a boy to go so high. However,

Alexander was so disappointed that his father agreed to take him.

Of course, he could not make such a dangerous climb. His father had hired guides, and one of these guides named Alexander. He was placed in a big basket, which was strapped on the side of his back.

His father and the guides were tied together with ropes to hold each other from slipping. They went up across the ice and snow until they reached a level spot, where his father meant to do some work. Then Alexander was taken out of his basket, and allowed to help his father.

With such a start, it is not strange that Alexander Agassiz, born December 17, 1883, became one of the world's greatest naturalists.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

The Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's will hold a court party to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

The Inner Niagara arrives here on January 3 she will have on board J. W. Collins, New Zealand's first trade commissioner to Canada.

John Salisbury, an employee of the Parks and Gardens Department of the city, will be promoted to superannuation this month, the City Council decided last night, at the request of the Finance Committee.

The International Association of Mechanics will hold a smoker-concert Thursday evening at the City Temple Hall, North Park Street, at 8 o'clock. During the evening officers for the coming year will be elected. A good attendance of members is expected.

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The regular meeting of the Tuberculosis Veterans' section of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will be held at its clubrooms, 531 Bastion Street, to-night at 8 o'clock. The executive members are asked to report at 7 o'clock. All members are asked to turn out for the date, and the delegates report of the Regent convention will be given. Election of officers for the coming year will also take place.

James Reid yesterday afternoon failed to convince Magistrate Jay in Esquimalt Police Court that, although found motoring with a driver, he had four bottles of loganberry wine on his knees, he was being innocent of intent to supply the natives with liquor. He was sentenced to serve two months with hard labor. The natives had obliged him by conveying him to and from the city, and had also obliged by lending him \$2, but were not to share the purchase, the accused testified.

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"This seems to be a pretty decent bunch of people, and since it's your home, temporarily at least, I want to spare the house as much of the horror as I can," O'Brien explained to his nephew.

"That's decent of you, Uncle Pat," Dundee thanked him.

As silently as if they were paying tribute to the dead, the ambulance attendants came up the stairs and entered the room carrying the body on which Cora's heart would be borne away. Sergeant Turner listened anxiously at the door, but the house was still sleeping apparently.

"Let me help!" Dundee begged, as the white-jacketed men bent over the dead woman. For suddenly he could not bear the thought that only one man had come to take her away. He sprang to the chair across which her kimono hung, then rejected the garment when he saw that it was an old, slightly soiled one. Cora would have a better one, he knew—and he found it in her closet.

There were tears in his eyes as he draped the poor neglectful kimono over the rigid shoulders. And regardless of onlookers he stooped and laid his lips lightly against the stiffening thin, dry-skinned hand which had aroused his compassion when Cora Barker was alive. He stood aside then as the body was lifted to the stretcher, and was about to turn his face away when his eye telegraphed an amazing message to his brain.

"Look, Dr. Price!" he called urgently. "Did you notice this? Her mouth is bruised. Please, may I?" and he gently lifted the discolored upper lip, turned it back till it touched the nose.

"Dr. Price, her lips have been pressed so hard against her teeth that the print shows on them." She was right.

"You're right," Dr. Price said slowly, as he bent to touch both lips. "But I don't quite understand—"

"I do!" Dundee cried in a choking voice. "Don't you see—Uncle Pat, Sergeant Turner? Cora Barker was killed with a kiss!"

"What do you mean?" Sergeant Turner asked incredulously. "Oh, can't you see? I thought it was odd that she could be strangled to death without making sufficient outcry to awaken anyone. Bert Magnus' room is the nearest, and yet he evidently heard nothing, or he would have investigated. and—found her like this."

He was in love with her, he said, for that at least. He was in love with her, he said, from the day he came to marry her, and when the Hogarth case was settled."

"Steady boy," O'Brien warned. "You're getting as hysterical as a woman. Tell us quietly just what you mean."

"I mean," Dundee forced himself to speak in a calmer, lower voice, "that whenever murdered Cora Barker was found, her white blouse was bloodied." Her white blouse was bloodied. That mangled his mouth so tightly against hers that she could not cry out when he tied the braids of her hair. . . . Can't you see it all?" He was so well known to Cora that when he called to her from the porch in a low voice she came instantly, recognizing him, of course.

"Maybe they talked a bit first—I don't know—but certainly made love to her, played with her hair. Maybe he remarked on how long the braids were. I can hear him saying: 'Why, they come clear to your waist, even when they're crossed in the back, and he crossed them in the back to prove it.' Crossed them to make strangulation possible. Then he pulled them over her shoulders, and, while kissing her, suddenly tied them and drew the ends so tightly that she was strangled—his lips still on her."

"My God!" Commissioner O'Brien breathed, and turned sharply away.

"What a newspaper story this is

than the spot where Patrolman Callahan and Lunt picked him up."

"And what was his story?" Strawn demanded.

Dundee told him briefly, warily what Sevier had admitted when he had come to the Rhodes' home on Saturday night at half-past eleven, intending to make one more effort to enlist Cora Barker's aid in robbing Mrs. Hogarth; that he had waited in the greenhouse until Cora had entered the boarding house ten minutes after twelve; and that then followed the round robin of details given, but he had seen Cora in Mrs. Hogarth's room, had realized the old lady was dead, murdered; and that he had scrambled back down the rose trellis in mad flight of being caught on the scene of a crime he had not committed.

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"I forgot to ask you about your trip, Mr. Longears," he confessed. His tired eyes brightened a bit. "What does says you wired that you hadn't been very successful, but I suppose you got a description of Dan Griffin?"

"Why worry about Griffin now, kid?" Strawn chuckled indulgently.

"It was a swell theory, but Emil Sevier's thrown the monkey wrench into it. The detective from New York was in Belton just before I left, and I turned over all the information he'd been to collect, which wasn't much."

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### BEDTIME STORY

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By HOWARD R. GARIS

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—Mrs. Gimbler

And I have never been in Chicago!

You may have known someone who resembles me!

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## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

**When Average People Wed, Do They Doom Their Children to the Same Mediocrity?—What Can a Wife Do to Make Her Husband Companionable?**

DEAR MISS DIX—I am an average young man madly in love with an average young girl. Would it be quite all right for us to marry with the prospects of visiting the mediocrity of the average couple upon another generation? Is not eugenics the most important question of the age?

A. L. T.



Answer—Certainly eugenics is an important question, but, as a matter of fact, it is a subject about which we know very little that is authoritative as yet. Scientists are delving into the effects of heredity and trying to tabulate the results of what they have found out, but the most they seem to have done is to dissipate a lot of the old superstitions about the inevitability of children "taking after" this one or that one of its parents who might happen to have some sort of disease or red hair or a high temper, or what have you.

Animals can be bred up, more or less, to a desired type, as is seen in race horses and prize cattle and fox terriers, but in the mating of men and women the spiritual equation enters and it is yet to be shown that the marriage of two movie stars produces a living picture or that the offspring of college professors are any more highbrowed than the milieus of children.

On the contrary, some of the homespun fathers and mothers I know have the handsomest children, while some of the finest-looking couples have had the runtdest ones. It is no uncommon thing to see a radiantly beautiful girl who has a mother who looks like a chrome, and to behold a regal-looking mother with an ugly little mouse of a daughter. And any walk down the street will show you tall, broad-shouldered, husky fathers towering above their half-pension son's and little wizened men trotting along in the wake of huge, beefy, athletic sons.

And it is the same way about brains and talents. It is an axiom that a great father seldom has a great son. Sometimes very intelligent people have superintelligent children, but it is by no means the rule. The star pupils in school are just as likely to be the children of ignorant fathers and mothers as they are of highbrows.

The men and women who sing in opera, who are great actors, who write books and plays, who pile up great fortunes, who make great inventions, are almost invariably the children of just plain, ordinary people and there is nothing in their heredity or their environment to account for their achievements.

So just because you and your sweetheart are average young people there is no reason for you to refrain from marrying for fear you may bring average children into the world. Your children will have just as good a chance to be geniuses and do wonderful things as any one else's. When you give them good, clean healthy blood and a happy loving home to grow up in, and do your part toward training them to be useful citizens, you have given them all the chance that any children need in life.

And suppose they are not geniuses and don't set the world on fire? Their part in life is not less important. We can do with very few geniuses, but we need a lot of honest, capable men and women.

"God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them," said Abraham Lincoln.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—if a man is not companionable, is there anything a wife can do to make him so? I married a man very much older than I am and I find myself very miserable with him because we have nothing in common. When he comes home of an evening he greets me casually, then grabs a paper or magazine and reads until bedtime. He even carries his paper to the dinner table and reads while he eats. He had lived alone for many years before we were married, and this was probably his excuse for being too old to be congenial with me. Mine are so young they bore him. I am an educated woman only twenty-four and can easily support myself, but I hate the idea of divorce. I have tried to make my husband see how little attention would mean so much to me, but he calls me foolish and says I should be satisfied because I have a home. What can I do?

LONELY WIFE.

Answer—A man of his age never changes and so the only thing that you can do is to either leave him or else adapt yourself to his ways.

It is certain that he will never adapt himself to yours, because his habits are fixed and unalterable and because he belongs to the old type of husband who believes that all that a woman needs to make her perfectly happy is a wedding ring and a house, and that when a man has given his wife these he has done his full duty toward her and he doesn't need to bother about her any more.

He doesn't understand that the modern woman, who is perfectly capable of supporting herself, doesn't marry for a meal ticket and isn't satisfied just to be clothed and fed. She demands that her husband give her sustenance for her soul as well as her body. She wants companionship and sympathy and understanding and love more than she wants bread and meat and clothes.

Of course, you made a mistake in marrying a man so much older than you that he does not enjoy any of the pleasures that you crave and which belong to youth. You are just beginning to see the show of life. He has seen it until he is tired of it. And you have a different viewpoint on everything because you belong to different generations. Perhaps that is why there is so little companionship between you. Age and youth do not find many congenial topics to discuss.

But all of that does not settle your problem, nor make your long evenings less dull, and at twenty-four it is a dreary prospect to look forward to—years upon years of sitting up with a paper worm for one's only company—but I do not know what you can do about it unless you find solace also in reading, or else draw about you a circle of young people who will give you the companionship your husband refuses you.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am studying at normal school to be a teacher, but I find myself totally unadapted to the work and hate it, while there are a number of other things that I would enjoy doing. Shall I go on with my school work or change?

DOROTHY.

Answer—Change by all means. Unless you are interested in your work and love it you will never make a success of it. There is no greater joy in life than doing the work that we love to do for its own sake. That robs labor of its drudgery and gives to us a never-failing interest.

Half of the failures in the world are people who have drifted into doing the work that Nature never intended them to do and that bores them so that they cannot put any punch into their labor.

DOROTHY DIX.

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## Sister Mary's Kitchen

BY SISTER MARY

The hostess who prides herself on the "smartness" of her entertainment will find that canapés as the opening feature of luncheon or dinner provide just the right touch.

The literal meaning of "canapé" is sofa, but the culinary interpretation implies a small piece of toast upon which savories are served.

These little appetizers must be highly seasoned in order to whet the appetite and attractively colorful in appearance. On extremely formal occasions, canapés can be served in the living room or drawing-room. These are finger foods and great care must be taken in their making that they are not greasy or otherwise difficult to eat.

Perhaps a more practical and satisfactory way of serving is to place each canapé on a doily on a small plate, which in turn is placed on the service plate. These can be beaten with a

small fork and can be made a bit larger than the finer variety.

The foundation is always thin slices of bread toasted or sautéed in butter. The bread can be cut in fancy shapes or strips and the savory may be hot or cold. No matter what particular type is chosen, three things are essential—smallness in size, neatness and distinctness in appearance, and decided piquancy in flavor.

Anchovy and Olive Canapé  
Toast thin slices of white or brown bread cut in any preferred shape.

Spread with anchovy butter and cover with thin slices of olives stuffed with pimento. Garnish with a narrow border of minced hard-cooked egg white.

The simplest form of canapé is made by spreading the toast with a savory butter. The butter is creamed and mixed with an equal amount of any highly seasoned savory such as anchovy, sauerkraut, crab meat, chervil, blaster, herring, horseradish, cheese, mayonnaise or mustard.

More elaborate ones are made with combinations of materials. Riced egg yolks (hard cooked), minced parsley and olives, pimento and green pepper and pipings of cream cheese make effective garnishes.

Lots 23 and 24, Block 15, Section 48, on Belmont Avenue, were ordered sold by the City Council last night to a local purchaser, for \$300 and \$350 respectively, on terms, the list price.

## To-morrow's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1929

Astrologers read this as rather an uncertain day in planetary direction. One strong, benevolent aspect is noted.

Although there will be tendencies to retrogression and moonless mental depression should be combated at this time.

Instead of regrets for past failures confidence in future successes should dominate the mind, the seers declare, for the year 1930 is to be amazingly prosperous.

This is read as not fortunate for any sort of business, but merchants will profit in reducing their stocks.

There is much promise for advertising while this configuration prevails. The weather is auspicious for all sorts of publicists.

Letters are expected to be sent in the direction of the stars to-day and should be written under the prevailing aspects.

The seers read for lovers warning to be cautious to-day. The evening is a time for foolish flirtation and silly romance.

Theatres may not find the rule altogether satisfactory, but the stars seem to present a holiday season of unusual profit, with shows and trade displays are to become more and more popular. It is forecast, for the significance of clothing and environment is to be stressed as never before.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have a few worries in the coming year, but it

should be a happier period. Danger of slander is presented.

Beauty culture will attain a different standard, if the stars are rightly read, for the vogue for natural charms will dominate.

Cosmetics are to pass out of fashion as disfashions of usefulness, but they will be used with artistry.

Increased demand for books, newspapers, cotton and woolen goods and metal articles of many sorts is prognosticated.

Children born on this day probably will combine with extreme seriousness a keen

sense of humor. The subjects of this sign are generally exceedingly clever.

Lyman Abbott, noted theologian, was born on this day, 1855. Others who have celebrated it as a birthday include Karl Becker, German artist, 1820; John Niklas Myron, Swedish sculptor, 1723.

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Three special concerts at the Empress Hotel this season. January 23, March 28, April 17.

## CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Dublin, Dec. 17.—The Irish Free State will be represented at the Naval Limitation Conference in London next month by Hon. Patrick McGilligan, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Defence and Hon. Timothy Swidley, High Commissioner in Great Britain.

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES—Who Wouldn't?



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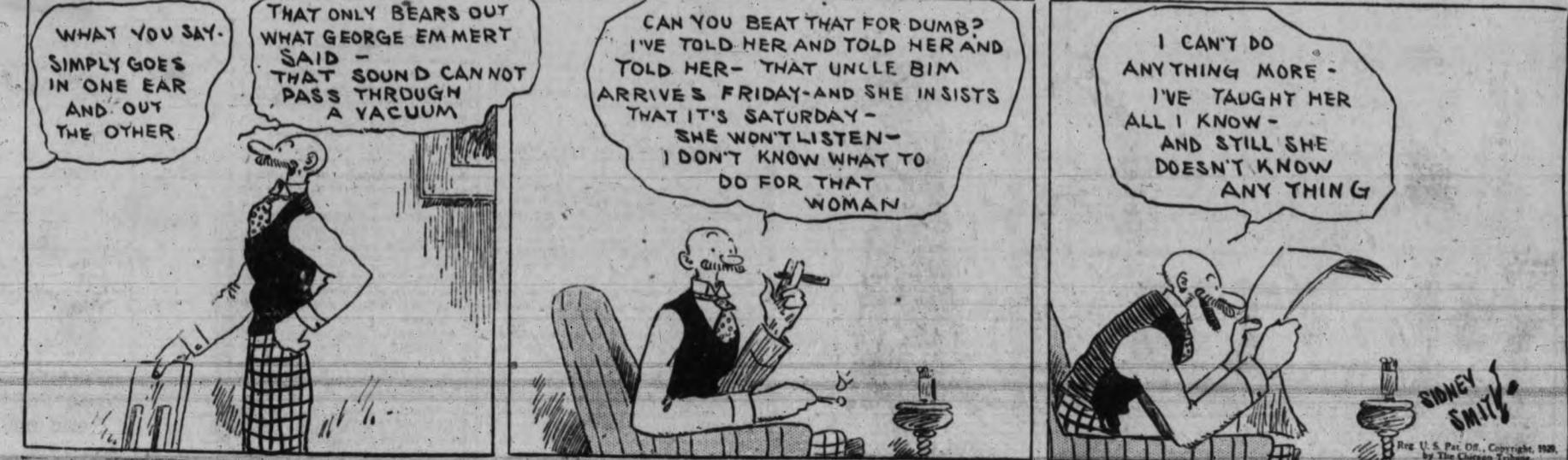
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## MUTT AND JEFF—He's a Thorn in Their Sides



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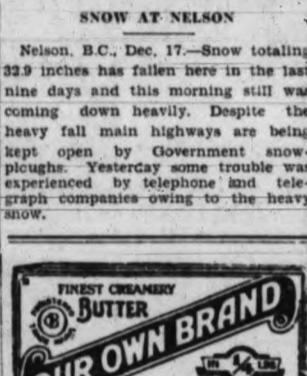
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## VETERANS HELPING COMMUNITY

Not Organized to Talk Over War Deeds, Says A. and N. President

Distinguished Company at Annual Banquet Last Night

The annual reunion banquet of the Victoria Unit No. 12 of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada was held last night at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium and attended by over 200 members. The guests at the head of the table included Lieut.-Governor Bruce, Hon. Joshua Hinckle, Minister of Education; Mayor Herbert Anensow, Brig. R. Sutherland Brown, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Commander L. W. Murray, R.C.N.; Col. T. E. Harrison, Capt. Molson, Rev. W. J. Leighton; H. D. Twigg, M.P.P.; Rev. Major W. Barton, Col. J. McMullin, Steve William Crouch, Gen. Sir Percy Lake, Hon. S. L. Howe, Major C. S. Callen, G. Gardner, D. B. Plunkett, M.P., F. L. Simmons, General Noel Money, Hon. F. P. Burden, Col. H. T. Goodland, Major Niven and S. Rowlinson. Thomas Jones, president of Victoria unit, was in the chair, and Capt. C. F. L. Money acted as toastmaster.

Before proposing the health of His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, patron of Unit No. 12 of the Army and Navy Veterans, Jones remarked that the gathering was to be held outside the club quarters, and told of purchase by the unit during the year of their own building.

Substantial contributions had been made by the Army and Navy Veterans to charitable organizations, notably endowment of a cot at the Queen Alice Hospital Solarium. "We are not particular in our contribution to talk over what we have done in the Great War or other wars, but to co-operate in advancing the interests of the whole community. We learned in the war to do things; that the way to attain that objective is to 'play the game,'" he said, proposing the health of His Honor, which was honored after singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and cheers.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Lieut.-Governor R. Bruce appreciated the warmth of his welcome, remarking, "I wish you, Mr. President and the gallant members of the Army and Navy Veterans, to accept my hearty thanks for the manner in which you have received the toast to your patron. I deem it a great honor to be your patron, an honor which I value is to be attributed to the position which I hold, as the representative of His Majesty the King in this Province, and therefore the reception which you gave this toast is an expression of your service to the state and your loyalty to the Crown," he said.

"Mr. Chairman, I am delighted to be with you to-night, to participate in this annual gathering. In your silent host and to join in the happy reunion of your members. Alas, time is taking its toll of our veterans and our young men are stepping into the void and womanhood, and these young men are becoming the pride of your service to the state and institute towards you. Acting under a most happy inspiration, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales summoned from every quarter of the Empire the gallant V.C.'s to dine with him at Westminster. It was fitting that the scene of this historic dinner should have been in the great hall, around which has been woven so much of the history of our Empire. Not only was this unique function, but it served to stir the national consciousness of the people of the Empire to a renewed realization of what the Empire owed, not only to those gallant gentlemen, but to the great army of veterans which they represented. Let us see to it that we keep faith and remain worthy bearers of the torch that was flung to us," the Lieut.-Governor said.

"And now Mr. President, may I congratulate you, your executive and your indefatigable secretary, Capt. Money, on your increasing membership and your growing prosperity? Not only have you been able to acquire your club, but your sympathies have reached out to many in need of help, and to other institutions outside your own immediate neighborhood such as the Solarium, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Friendly Help. In addition by saving and thrift, you are creating an endowment fund earmarked for the widows and children and the less fortunate of your members. One cannot help but admire this sturdy spirit, which might well be interpreted in these lines of the poet Burns, where he speaks of saving and living: 'Not for to hide it in a hedge nor for the train attendant, but for the glorious privilege of being independent.'

"In the simple language of olden days, 'I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,' and may health and happiness continue to be yours."

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

The toast to British Columbia was replied to by Hon. Joshua Hinckle, who announced that the council would stand aside for election to the post of police commissioner in Esquimalt, when the municipality goes to the polls next month.

Captain Bowden has held office since 1921 with the exception of the term for 1925 when he stood for council.

Two years ago he was re-elected police commissioner by acclamation.

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Minister of Education. "The greatness of a country does not lie altogether in its material resources. The future of British Columbia does not lie in its lumber, minerals or fisheries, but in the greatness of the character of the people who will live in it."

"So I am glad to have the honor of speaking to a gathering of ex-service men, for it is on their character, in great part, that the future people of this Province will be built up," he said. "I am informed by the Canadian Legion that there is a system of aid to children of ex-service men with scholarships, for advanced courses. "I propose to include in a bill to be placed before the Legislature, provision to aid such cases up to the university and including normal school courses. I hope to see provision of scholarships of \$200 monthly for certain types of young people, children of ex-service men, who otherwise would not be able to obtain such advanced training," the minister announced, arousing rounds of applause.

### KEEP INTEREST KEEN

Mayor Anensow was warmly received. He recalled his long membership, praised the initiative of the Victoria unit in acquiring a property stake in the city and expressed appreciation of charitable activities. He appealed for continuance of interest in civic affairs, remarking that if the people lose interest between elections, "there will be a great complaint if errors ensue in council policies. "We do not say we make lots of them. If you have good ideas it is your duty to submit them to your council," he urged.

The Mayor told of civic development in recent years and problems to be met in the near future, expressed confidence in the cooperation of Reeves Croft of Saanich, Kirch of Qualicum and Hayward of Oak Bay, remarking that harmony exists on all points, in contrast with the disputes common a few years ago. "We might as well all be one body," he remarked.

Remarkably that the future of Victoria was full of promise of prosperity, the Mayor said the realization of excellent prospects rested with the citizens and depended upon their courage, energy and determination to succeed.

### MILITARY MATTERS

Replies to the toast to the Army and Air Forces, Brigadier R. Sutherland Brown took the occasion to praise the work of Sir Percy Lake for the Canadian forces, which had been of great importance in the speedy mobilization of the first contingent.

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